Mr Boyle's autograph.

April ye 6th 166[6]

This day being present wn Mr G. stroakd
a Tincker yt Dr Faireclothe & I had before
examind, & who had been lame & gone upon
Crutches betweene 7 & 8 years, having been
thrice entertaind in St. Bartholomews Hospitall
wthout at last receiving any amendmt. I was
informd by ye patient, yt he had been once
stroakd before on Tuesday last wth most suddain
& wonderfull releife, & yt yet his paines though
incomparably lesse then before being not quite
removd he came to be stroakd againe, wch I
having desird yt he might bee, Mr G. began to
stroak his shoulder, where ye patient complaind
of a paine, wch by his stroaking being (as the
Tincker sayd) presently removd into his Elbow,
& thence ~~into~~ towards his wrest hand. I tooke Mr
G.s Glove, wch was thick & sought, & turning
ye inside outward stroakd therewth ye affected Arme, &
(as I ghesse) wthin a minute of an hower drove
ye paine as ye Tincker told me into his wrest.
where he sayd it much afflicted him, then stroaking
ye part also wth ye Glove, he told me felt a sharp
paine in ye middle ioynts of his fingers. & by
stroaking those parts also. he sayd he felt it exit
ing uneasy at his nailes. wch being likewise
stroakd he sayd his paine was quite gone fro his
shoulder, arme, & hand

Relation of Mr Greatricks stroaking

Mr G. having also stroakd his hip for an
inveterate Syatica drove as ye Tincker sayd a
violent paine into ye back part of his ~~thigh~~
thigh, whence Mr G. letting me have ye same
glove againe, I expelld it into his knee, where he
sayd it was very violent. thence the sayd he felt

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it skip into his sheenes, & thence by ye same
way I stroaked it into his ankle & Instep
where hee complained yt it was very greivous
whence having stroakd it to ye roots of his toes
hee sd it was there more tormenting then ever
& by his looks & moanes seemed tormented
& stroakd it as by stroaking I drove ye paine
(as he says) toward ye extreame parts of his toes
he appeard to bee more tormented then ever, &
expressd an Impatience yt at my delaying to
stroake yt I might inquire wth manner of paine
he felt, & how Intense; & it seemd to me but I
am not sure of it, yt wn he sd ye paine was
come into his toes there was a visible alteration
in some of them, afterward by stroaking the
Extreamity of his toes both above & bellow wth ye
glove, especially yt part wch had been contiguous to
ye palme of mr Gr. hand as well as mine) as also
his heels into wch he complaind some paine had
bee driven, he affirmd yt paine to be quite
stroakd away.

Apr: 10th 1666. This night one mr Carrington Scrivener living near Charing-Crosse was sent for by Dr Sydenham to my chamber to try whether he could disprove ye efficacy of mr G's hand. This Scrivener being a noted person & particularly for his having been many years lame, he came but slowly & in paine too, to my footboy who was sent for him, yt he came only to comply wth ye Dr wthout expecting to receive any Benefit by mr G. being come into ye Roome I desird him to sett downe & uncover his Knee, bec. yt though mr G. having been informd yt there was a dislocation in his Hip told him he pretended not to cure him of yt Infirmity yet he (mr G.) made noe doubt to ease him of ye paine he usually & at that time also had in his Knee & accordingly mr G. having stroakd his Knee a litle, though for about halfe a minute he says he felt ye paine to continue yet wthin about a minute more as I ghess being stroakd at 2 severall times ye first to remove ye paine, & ye second to confirme wt he had first done & to strengthen ye part ye patient affirmd to me yt he then felt noe paine at all; & also assurd me upon my questioning it yt he was in actuall paine when he sate downe to be stroakd (having likewise affirmd to ye writer of this yt ~~[illegible]~~ in walking to mr Gr: ye paine had made him sweat,) being desird by me to walk about because he says yt walking was apt to put him into paine he tooke divers turnes in ye adjoyning Parlour

paine. [illegible]

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& told a neece of mine & some others who were there yt he had not walkd soe much wth ye freedome fro paine 5 or 3 year: & wn he told me yt he could had walkd whilst I was talking wth G. wthout ye help of ye staffe he leand upon coming hither, & I obiected that neverthelesse I saw it in his hand he replyd yt he had not indeed layd it aside, but had not made use of it, wch ~~[illegible]~~ my neece yt was wth him in Parlour confirmd to me: he seemd to be much affected wth ye chang yt was wrought in him & declard yt he thankd God first & next yt he thought himselfe obleigd to thank mr G. as his Instrumt. & wn he went away gave thanks to us & particularly to me yt had helpd him to this releife, & would have left wth some of ye house a gratuity for mr G. wch would not be receivd. Note. yt mr G. told him yt in regard his paine went not out at his toes, it was but dispersd or ~~[illegible]~~ made to lurke & would trouble him again. & yt ye removall of ye paine ~~was done~~ in ~~[illegible]~~ & ye acknowledgmt of it by ye Scrivener was done in ye presence of Dr. Sydnham as well as in ye presence of my Sister R. Dr Whitchcok & Dr Faireclotн who then happend to be in my chamber.

This same night there came to him one mrs story (formerly lately my Landlady) bringing wth her her boy of between 8 & 9 years of Age, who about a year & a half agoe after having been sick of ye small pox had a defluxion on one of his eys, ~~[illegible]~~ wch swelld ye parts about it, & seemd to have impaird ye eye itselfe. for wn we would have lookd narrowly into it ye child who as his mother told us was not able to endure ye light of ye candle, would not hold it open & cryd much out of an unwillingnesse to have it meddled wth. but after much adoe, ye candle being held behind his head he was brought to open his eye yt mr G. might spit into it, wch he did & rubd it a little wth his finger, after wch ye child being askd how he did complaind he felt paines & pricking in ye parts about ye eye especially as he thought about ye temporall muscle. wn mr G. having stroakd 3. or 4. times over wth his fingers (wch I think tooke not halfe a minute, ye boy being againe askd whether he felt any paine [illegible]

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This day a young woman came among other Patients
to be cured of a great thicknesse of hearing she
complained of, & he haueing put his fingers in
her ears, and (as I remember) a little strooke them
she complaind no more of her deafnesse but
a great pain yt resided in ye fore part of her head,
where haueing strooked her, he presently dislodgd ye
pain, & after haueing chasd it from place to
place about her head, as she informed vs, at
length she told vs yt both her pain & ye deafnesse
were gone, & when I askd her how long she had
~~bin so long~~ bin so thick of hearing, she inno-
=cently answered me euer since ye birth of her
first child, & when I smileing demaunded how long
it was since she was brought in Bed of her first
child, she said about a year & a quarter, and
affirming her self to be recouerd as she seemd
to ye by-standers to be, she went away joyful.

Another woman yt stood by her was likewise at
ye same ~~time~~ curd, as she professd, of a great, &
obstinate pain in her head, by Mr G. his hand
wch being layd on ye vpper part of her head, the
pain remoued to other parts thereof, & sometimes
to her neck, after wch she complaind yt it was got
into her eyes, at wch time obserueing them ~~still~~
attentiuely, her eyelids trembld much, & seemd
to me to haue very many little conuulsiue motions,
wch by being strooked went away, & ye woman
professd her self to be quite freed from her pain, but
desird him to cure her of a great noyse ~~the~~ she
had in her ears, to wch part haueing applyd his
fingers, she presently told him, ~~& wch after afforded me~~
yt ye troublesome sound was gone & afterwards
afford me she heard as vndisturbedly as euer.

Easter day 1666 — Some howers agoe mr G. & I being discoursing
in my Chamber a Servt of my Sister Ranelaugh, who
has been taken notice of as much indisposd to beleeue yt
G. Cures, came to ye doore & spoke to me, in ye behalfe

of my sisters Woman (mrs margaret Manning) who having this day had a tedious & violent fit of ye head Ach, wch at length forced her to lye downe on ye Bed for a litle ease, was by one of her fellow servants perswaded to rise & to have recourse to mr G. who at my desire call'd her in & asking her where shee felt ye paine yt was soe greivous, (which she told us was) layd his hand on ye fore part of her head where yt was fixed, & then demanding where she felt it, she answerd yt it was still in ye same place, where upon stroaking her forehead a litle, & when she was asked where it was now she pointed at ye middle part of her head, upon wch laying his hand her hood being on & stroaking a litle, she sayd she felt noe paine, but a litle giddynes & some kind of trembling, where upon stroak=ing againe a litle up about ye middle of her head wth out takeing of her hood, she seem'd to feele some litle paine one one side of her neck, where his hand persueing it she pre=sently declared to me yt she was quite well & being desired to walke about a litle & whether she were assured she felt none she answerd me affirmatively, & when her way very well satisfy'd, leaving mr G. to resume his discourse, wch he persued as unconcernedly as if nothing had happend at all to interrupt it. After this we were called to supper, & mr G. sate wth us about an hower after supper, & then casually meeting ye Patient she told me yt shee had not since any paine at all.

Wn we were goeing to sit downe to supper my younger neece being missed, & my sister having asked why she came not downe, & beeing answerd yt she was trouble wth a violent head ach, desired she might be invited downe to be touched by mr G. who laying his hand on her forehead, where she sayd her paine was, & being asked how she did sayd yt ye paine was lessend, but her head made very giddy, whereupon he layd his hand on ye middle of her head, (but could not touch it because of her peake,) she seemed to think yt remain of her paine removed to another part of her head, ye giddynesse continuing, & his hand being applyed thereunto as well as ye dresse of her head would permit, she told me yt she felt her head as shee imagin'd full of fumes, but ye paine was quite gone.

Apr. 16. this night asking my neece at suppertime how shee had done since mr G. stroak'd her head she informed us yt as he presently releived her of her paine soe shee had since had noe head ach, but a sickishnes in her stomach wch she had before he stroak'd her, & having afterwards asked my sister Woman how shee did, she replyed yt from yesterday night, she felt her paine in her shoulder, wch after went away but since she was touched, wch was above 24 howers before she had been very free from paine in her head, wch agrees very well wth wt mr G. foretold as soone as he had stroaked her, namely yt since [it] went not out at ye usuall places as ye fingers, toes or eyes, she should quickly hear of it againe somewhere else but not in her head.

Mr G. told me yt usually those yt were subject
to ye ffalling sicknesse as soon as ever he comes
neer them, & before he touches them, fall into a
fit, and yt ~~he~~ when he strokes them, they come
to themselves for ye most part, & if they regain
use enough of their senses to be able to tell him
where they feel ye pain, he then relieves them as
he dos other Patients, by chafeing ye paine from
place to place till he have driven it quite away
but if they recover not sense enough to tell=
him where ye pain is, it oftentimes, does as it
were hide it self for ye present, but is not quite
expell'd. He thinks most Epileptick Persons
to be Dæmoniacks notwithstanding wt ye Docto=
say to ye contrary; & related to me yt in ye presence
of divers eminent Persons whom he named &
one of wch being told yt I knew him, he desired me
to aske about ye truth of ye story having=
caus'd a good number of Epileptick Persons to
be brought before he came to them in a place
by themselves, when he came neer they did all
of them in a very short time, fall into ffitts, &
one of them into stupendious ones.

He tells me yt in ffitts of ye Mother his hand
being apply'd to ye stomack of ye ~~Person~~ Patient
there is usually felt a pain in some particular=
parts, and yt he follows it, as in other cases,
from place to place till it be quite expell'd
but says yt oftentimes ye pains on wch he makes
ye Histericall fitts terminate, invade ye throate
wth a threatening of suffocation very manifest to
ye eyes of ye beholders, & yt ye matter yt causes ye
pain oftentimes seems to ye Patient to goe out

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to goe out of ye mouth like something extreamly cold, & yt he himself ~~do~~ has more than once felt that coldnesse they ~~so~~ complaind of, wch makes me remember yt old woman whom I saw him cureing of an auncient lamenesse, and complaind yt he had driven ye pain from her thigh & knee into her foot, when I asked her wt she felt there, she very seriously affirmd to me yt in stead of much pain she felt a coldnesse as if cold water (for yt was her expression) was pourd upon ye bottome of her toes.

He likewise answerd me yt he had oftentimes curd wounds almost as strangely as other distempers, & yt not only ye ~~laying on~~ contact of his hand presently takes off ye pain of it then, but that by barely laying his hand on ye bed-clothes where ye patient ~~lyes~~ lyes he ~~ha~~ performes ye same thing, of wch he named me an eminent instance in a knowne person.

Greatrakes

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[Note: Written in the margin, parallel to the spine of the volume, is the endorsement, in William Wotton's hand, '1666 Relations of Mr Gretricks's stroaking', and in Henry Miles' hand, adjacent to title, 'Mr Boyles autograph'.]

This day being present when Mr G. stroakd a Tincker that Dr Fairecloth & I had before examind, & who had been lame & gone upon Crutches betweene 7 & 8 year, having been thrice entertaind in St. Bartholomews hospital without at last receiving any amendment, I was informd by the patient, that he had been once stroackd before on Tuesday last with most suddaine & wonderfull releife, & that yet his paines though incomparably lesse then before being not quite removd he came to be stroakd againe, which I having desird that he might be, Mr G. began to stroak his shoulder, where the patient complaind of a paine, which by his stroacking being as the Tincker sayd presently removd unto his Elbow & thence <toward> his hand, I tooke Mr G.'s Glove, which was thick & sought, & turning the inside outward stroakd therewith the <affected> Arme, & (as I ghesse) within a minute of an hower drove the paine as the Tincker told me into his wrest where he sayd it much afflicted him; then stroaking that part also with the Glove, he told me felt a sharp paine in the middle joynts of his fingers, & stroaking those parts also he sayd he felt it exceding uneasy under his Nailes, which being likewise stroakd he sayd his paine was quite gone from his shoulder, arme, & hand Mr. G. having also stroakd his hip for an moderate Cyatica drove as the Tincker sayd a a violent paine into the back part of his the theigh, whence Mr G. letting me have the same glove againe, I expelld it into his knee, where he sayd t'was very violent, thence he sayd he felt

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it skip into his sheenes, & thence by the same way I ['cha' deleted] chasd it into his ankle & Instep, ['he' deleted] whence he complaind that it was very grevious whence having stroakd it to the roots of his Toes he said it was the[altered from 'they'] more tormenting['r' inserted] then ever & by his looks & moanes seemd[altered from 'sh'] be much disorderd, & when by stroaking I drove['s' at end of word deleted] the paine (as he sayd) toward the extreme parts of his Toes he appeard to bee more tormenteed[correct reading is tormented] then ever, & expressd an Impatience that at my delaying to stroake that I might inquiro what manner of paine he felt, & how Intense, & it seemd to me but I am not sure of it, that when he said the paine was come into his Toes there was a visible alteration in some of them, afterward by stroaking the Extreamitys of his Toes both above & below with the glove, especially that part which had been contiguous to the palme of Mr G's hand ['as well as mine' deleted]) as also his heele into which he complaind some paine had be[correct reading is been] driven, he affirmd that paine to be quite stroakd away.

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[Integral marginalia:] Apr:: 10th 1666

This night one Mr [space of 4-5 characters] CaringtonScivener[correct reading is scrivener] liveing near Charing-Crosse was sent for by Dr Sydnham to my chamber to try whether he could disprov the efficacy of Mr G.'s hand; This Scrivener being a noted person & particularly for his having been many years lame he came but slowly & in paine

<&> told my footboy who was sent for him, that he came only to comply with the Dr withoute expecting to receive any Benefit by Mr G., being come into the Roome I desird him to sit['i' altered from 'e'] downe & uncover his knee, bec. that though Mr. G. having been informd that there was a dislocation in his Hip told him he pretended not to cure him of that Infirmity yet he (Mr G.) made noe doubt to ease him of the paine he usually & at that time also had in his Knee & accordingly Mr G. having stroakd his Knee a litle, though for about halfe a minute he sayd he felt the paine to continue yet within about a minute more as I ghessd being stroakd['c' between 'a' and 'k' deleted] at 2 severall times the first to remove the paine, & the second to confirme what he had first done & to strengthen the part the patient affirmd to me that he then felt noe paine at all; & also assurd me upon my questioning it that he was in actuall paine when he sate downe to be stroakd (having likewise affirmd to the writer of this that ['his p' deleted] in walking to Mr Gr: the paine had made him sweat,) being desird by me to walk about because he sayd that walking was apt to put <him> into paine he tooke divers moves in the adjoyning Parlour

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freedome from paine 53 year: & when he told me that he <had>[replacing 'could'] walkd['d' at end of word inserted] whist[correct reading is whilst] I was talking with G. without the help of the staffe he leand upon coming hither, & I objected that neverthelesse I saw it in his hand he repleyd['pleyd' altered from 'played'] that he had not indeed layd it aside, but had not made use of it, which ['one that' deleted] my neece that was with him in Parlour confirmd to me: he seemd to be much affected with the chang that was wrought

in him, & declard that he thankd God first & next that he thought himselfe obleigd to thank Mr G. as his Instrument & when he went away gave thanks to us & particularly to me that had helpd him to this releife, & would have left with some of the house a gratuity for Mr. G: which would not be receivd. Note. that Mr. G. told him that in regard his paine went not oute at his Toes, it was but dispersd or ['conceald' deleted] made to lurke & would trouble him againe ['&' deleted] & that the removall of the paine ['was done in the' deleted] & the Acknowledgment of it by the Scrivener was done in the presence of Dr Sydnham as well as in the presence of my Sister R. Dr Whitscock & Dr Fairecloth who then happend to be in my chamber.

This same night there came to him one Mrs Story (that was lately my Landlady[second 'a' altered from 'y']) bringing with her her boy betweene[altered from 'of'] 6 & 7 years of Age, who about a year ['& a ha' deleted] agoe after having been sick of the small pox had a defluxion on one of his Eys, ['but' deleted] which swelld the parts about it, & seemd to have impaird the Eye itselfe. for when we would have lookd narrowly into it the child who as his mother told us was not able to endure the light of the candle could not hold it open & cryd much out of an unwillingnesse to have it meddled with, but after much adoe, the candle being held behind his head, he soe farr opend his Eye that Mr. G. could spit into it, which he did & rubd it a litle with his finger, after which the child being askd how he did complaind he felt paines & pricking in the parts about the Eye especially as I ghessd about the Temporall Muscle, which Mr G. having stroakd 3. or 4. times over with his fingers (which I think tooke not halfe a minute. the boy being againe askd whether he felt any paine answerd that he did [[approximately 15 characters] [tell][unclear] [approximately 5 characters] [which][unclear] [approximately 12 characters] [gone][unclear]largely illegible due to damage caused by bottom of page cut off]

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This day a <yonge> woman came among other Patients to be curd of a great thicknesse of hearing she complaind of, & he haveing put his fingers in her ears, and (as I remember) a litle strookd them, she complaind no more of her deafnesse, but a great pain that resided in the fore part of her Head, where haveing strookd her, he presently dislodgd the pain, & after haveing chasd if from place to place about her Head, as she informd us, at length she told us that both her pain & the deafnesse were gone, & when I askd her how long she had ['bin soe long' deleted] bin soe thick of hearing, she innocently answerd me ever since the birth of her first child, & when I smileing demaunded how <long> it was since she was brought in Bed of her first child, she said about a year & a quarter, and affirmeing her self to be recoverd, as she seemd to the by-standers to be, she went away joyfull.

Another woman that stood by her was likewise at the same time curd, as she professd, of a great, & obstinate pain in her Head, by Mr G. his hand which being layd on the upper part of her Head, the pain removd to other parts thereof, & sometimes to her neck after which she complaind that it was got into her eyes, at which time observeing them ['dila' deleted] attentively, her eyelidds tremld much, & seemd to me to have very many little convulsive motions, which by being stroakd went away, & the woman professd her self to be <quite> freed from her pain; but desird him to cure her of a great noyse ['she' deleted] she had in her ears, to which part haveing applyd his fingers, she presently told him, ['at & after assurd

me,' deleted] that the troublesome sound was gone, & afterwards assurd me she heard as undisturbdly as ever. [Integral marginalia:]

Easter day 1666

Some hower's agoe Mr G. & I being discoursing in my Chamber a servant of my sister Ranalaughs, who has been taken notice of as much indisposd to beleive Mr G. Cures, came to the doore & spoke to me, in the behalfe

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of my sisters Woman (Mrs Margeret Manning) who having this day had a tedious & violent fit of the head Ach, which at length forcd her to lye downe on the Bed for a litle ease, was by one of her fellow servants perswaded <to rise & ['to' deleted]> to have recourse to Mr G. who at my desire calld her in & asking her where shee felt the paine that which[altered from 'was'] <she told us was> soe greivous, layd his hand on the fore part of her head where that was fixd, & then demanding where she felt it, she answerd that it was still in the same place, where upon stroaking her forehead a litle, when['w' altered from 'h'] she was askd where it was now she pointed at the midle part of her head, upon which laying his hand her hood being on & stroaking a litle, she sayd she felt noe paine, but a litle giddynes & some kind of trembling, where upon stroaking againe a litle ['up' deleted] about the middle of her head without takeing of her hood, she seemd to feele some litle paine on['e' at end of word deleted] one side of her neck, where his hand persueing it she presently declard to me that she was quite well & being desird to walke about a litle & whether she were

assurd she felt none she answerd <me> affirmatively, & when[correct reading is went?] her way very well satisfyd, leaving Mr G. to resume his Discourse, which he persued as unconcernedly as if nothing had happend at all to interrupt it. After this we were calld to supper, & Mr G. [‘so b’ deleted] sate with us about an hower after supper, & then casually meeting the Patient she told me that shee had not since any paine at all.

When we were goeing to sit downe to supper my younger neece being missd, & my sister having askd why she came not downe, & been answerd that she was troubled with a violent head ach, I desird she might be invited downe to be touchd by Mr G. who laying his hand on her forehead, where she sayd her pain was, & being askd how she did sayd that the paine was lessend, but her head made very giddy, whereupon he layd his hand on the middle of her head, but could not touch it because of her peake, she seemed to think the remnant [text begins in left-hand margin]of her paine removd to another part of her head the giddynesse continuing, & his hand being applyd thereabouts as well as the dresse of her head would permit, she told me that she felt her head as she imagind full of fumes but the paine was quite gone.

Apr. 1[‘6’ deleted]6. This night asking my neece at suppertime how shee had done since Mr G. stroakd her head, she informd us that as he presently releivd her of her paine soe shee had since had noe headach, but a sickishnes in her stomach which she had before he stroakd her, & having afterwards askd my sister Woman how she did, she replyd that [‘[since][unclear]’ deleted] yesternight, she felt her paine in her shoulder, which after went away, but since she was touchd, which was above 24 howers before she had been very free from paine in her head, which agrees very well with what Mr G. foretold as soone as he had stroakd her, namely that since went

not out at the usuall places as the fingers Toes or Eyes, she should quickly hear of it againe somewhere else but not in her head.

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Mr G. told me that usually those that were subject to the Falling sick-nesse as soon as ever he comes neer him, & before he touches them, fall into a fit, and that ['he' deleted] when he stroakes them, they come to themselves for the most part, & if they regain use enough of their senses to be able to tell him where they feel the pain, he then releives them as he dos other Patients, by chaseing the paine from place to place till he have driven it quite away, but if they recover not sense enough to tell him where the pain is, is[correct reading is it] oftentimes does as it were hide it self for the present, but is not quite expeld. He thinks most Epileptick Persons to be Demoniacks not withstanding what I could say to the contrary; & related to me that in the presence of divers eminent Persons whom he namd, & one of which being told that I knew him, he desird me to aske about the truth of the story, haveing causd a good number of Epileptick Persons to be brought before he came to them in a place by them-selves, when he came neer they did all of them in a very short time, fall into Fitts, & one of them into stupendious ones.

He tells me that in Fitts of the Mother his hand being applyd to the stomach of the ['Person' deleted] Patient there is usually felt a pain in some particular parts, and that he follows it, as in other cases, from place to place till it be quite expeld, but sayes that oftentimes the pains in which he makes the Histericall fitts terminate, invade the

throate with a threatening of suffocation very manifest to the eyes of the beholders, & that the matter that causes the pain oftentimes seems to the Patient

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to goe out of the mouth like something extreamly cold, & that he himself [‘do’ deleted] has now & than felt that coldnesse they [‘com’ deleted] complaind of, which makes me remember that an <ould> woman whom I saw him cureing of an auncient lamenesse, and complaind that he had driven the pain from her thigh & knee into her foot, when I askd her what she felt there, she very seriously affirmd to me that with much pain she felt a coldnesse, as if cold water (for that was her expression) was pourd upon the bottome of her toes.

He likewise answerd me that he had oftentimes curd wounds almost as strangely as other distempers, & that not only the <contact>[replacing ‘laying on’] of his hand presently takes off the pain of [‘it’ deleted] them, but that by barely laying his hand on the Bedclothes where the Patient layes, he [‘los’ deleted] performes the same thing, of which he namd me an eminent instance in a knowne Person.